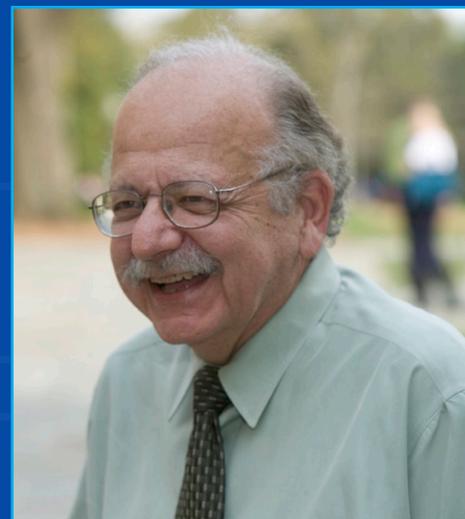


“The real issue is not what I think,  
but that *you* think.”

–J. Peter Euben



## The Euben Research Fund for Students in Political Theory and Ethics

During his long and distinguished career, Dr. J. Peter Euben was a fierce defender of the importance of thinking ethically as a key component of education. Yet Professor Euben understood that “ethics is often a matter of questions that do not yield answers or solutions, but further questions.”

An avid scholar of Greek political theory, Professor Euben summed up the significance of thinking about ethics by reference to Socrates: “What we remember about Socrates is less his arguments than the kind of life he led.” By asking the question about what makes the good life, however, Euben addressed us not only as individuals making specific choices; he addressed the exercise and impact of collective power, and the limitations and costs of prevailing definitions of justice.

Professor Euben was an extraordinarily gifted teacher whose pedagogical style pulled students into vibrant dialogues that uncovered unasked questions of the most important kind. Ethical thinking was thus a collaborative exercise in shaping our choices, and so our lives together. As such, thinking about ethics, and thinking about the meaning and practice of democracy were inseparably related.

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